

Appl. No. 10/046,603

Amdt. Dated 8/5/03

Reply to Office Communication of 7/15/03

Page 1 of 2

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: **Devinder Mahajan**

Confirmation No. **2861**

Serial Number: **10/046,603**

Examiner: **Jennine Brown**  
~~Jafar Parsa~~

Filed: **01/16/02**

Group Art Unit: ~~1621~~ **1755**

For: **LIQUID PHASE LOW TEMPERATURE METHOD FOR  
PRODUCTION OF METHANOL FROM SYSTHESIS GAS AND  
CATALYST FORMULATIONS THEREFOR**

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In the Office Action mailed July 15, 2003, the Examiner has imposed a Restriction requirement to one of the following inventions under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §121:

- I. Claims 1-22, drawn to a homogeneous catalyst, classified in class 502, subclass various.
- II. Claims 23-33, drawn to a method for producing methanol, classified in class 518, subclass 700.
- III. Claims 34-41, drawn to a method for decomposition of a metal alkyl cabonate to carbon dioxide, classified in class 556, subclass various.

In response to the Restriction Registration, Applicant elects the subject matter defined by the claims in Group I without traverse. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the claims of Groups II and III in divisional applications.

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 CFR 1.8a)**

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any papers referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

8/6/03  
Date

Maria Pacella  
Maria Pacella, Office of Intellectual Property  
And Sponsored Research

1621  
9/1  
RECEIVED  
AUG 11 2003  
TECH CENTER 1600/2900

Appl. No. 10/046,603

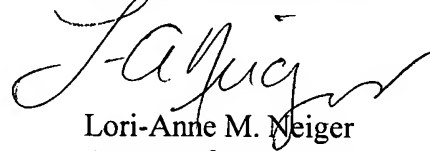
Amdt. Dated 8/5/03

Reply to Office Communication of 7/15/03

Page 2 of 2

In view of the present election, it is believed that this application is in condition for further consideration and examination. If resolution of any remaining issues are required prior to examination of the application, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,



Lori-Anne M. Neiger  
Attorney for Applicant  
Registration No. 44,949

Date: 8/5/03

Lori-Anne M. Neiger  
Patent Attorney  
Brookhaven National Laboratory  
Building 475D  
P.O. Box 5000  
Upton, NY 11973-5000  
(631) 344-3035